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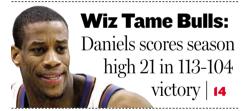
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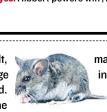
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STONERS | Of Mice and Hemp Police in Mellrichstadt. Germany, found a man's marijuana stash hidden in a mouse cage after they noticed his pet mouse was high, the Sun reported. When officials looking for evidence of drug dealing raided the



Anxious Milestone For Iragis

Turmoil mixes with progress as war enters its fourth year

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | As the Iraq war entered its fourth year, nearly 1,500 U.S. and Iraqi soldiers on Sunday sought to root out insurgents from farming villages an hour's drive north of the capital, and at least 35 people died in insurgent and sectarian violence nationwide.

Iraqi politicians still had not formed a government more than three months after landmark elections for the country's first per-

manent post-invasion parliament, but they announced an agreement on naming a Security Council.

The 133,000 American troops on the ground inside Iraq was nearly a third more than took part in the campaign to oust Saddam



Hussein that began in the early hours of March 20, 2003. At least 2,314 U.S. military personnel have died in the war. President Bush says about 30,000 Iraqis have died, while others put the toll far higher.

"We are implementing a strategy that will lead to victory in Iraq," Bush said in an upbeat assessment Sunday. "And a victory in Iraq will make this country more secure and will help lay the foundation of peace for generations to come."

Many politicians inside and outside Iraq are less optimistic. "We are losing each day as an average 50 to 60 people throughout the country, if not more," former interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told the BBC. "If this is not civil war, then God knows what civil war is." (AP)

man's apartment, they noticed his mouse, "Mickey," lying on his back in his cage. "He was very stoned," one officer said. They searched the cage and found the pot, which had been nibbled on; Mickey is recovering. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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Patriots Topple Tar Heels

HEADING HOME: George Mason's Lamar Butler, right, hugs a teammate after the Patriots pulled a 65-60 upset over defending champion North Carolina on Sunday. The Fairfax, Va., school, which hadn't won a NCAA Tournament game before beating Michigan State Friday, will play Wichita State in the Sweet 16 Friday at the Verizon Center. + Hoyas beat Buckeyes: Hibbert powers win | Page 13



ROBBERIES

OK. Then Give Us All Those Free Lolipops

Two men attempted to rob a Benicia. Calif...creditunionThursdav—unaware it was a "cashless credit union" where money is immediately deposited so no one has access to it, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. The men, wearing ski masks and armed with semiautomatic handguns, had burst into the facility yelling at employees to get on the ground and hand over money. After they were told there was no cash there, they left with nothing. "They weren't really prepared," said officer Steve Mortensen. (EXPRESS)

REHABILITATION

You Must Face Your **Horseplay Demons**

A Gold Hill, Ore., teen who pinched and twisted another boy's nipple in line at a deli was sentenced earlier this month to four days in juvenile detention because he refused to write a letter explaining

his actions. David Thumler was convicted of offensive physical touching in July, after the victim's parents complained to police. He paid a \$67 fine and served three days of community service, "I emptied trash cans, mowed lawns and shoveled gravel." Thumler said. But his refusal to write the letter got him more punishment. (AP)



amb Limbs

Freak-of-nature animal birth defects are always a little sad, but, somehow, you can't not look. This week's genetic hiccup is a six-legged lamb born Friday on the farm of Maurice Peeters, above, in Meeuwen-Guitrode, Belgium. The lamb can't walk and veterinarians said they would amputate the extra legs if it lives a week, the Belga news agency reported. (EXPRESS)

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When Criminals Discover PhotoShop

A Carlisle, Pa., man has been charged with trying to scam the lottery out of \$850,492 in winnings by creating a winning ticket on a computer, the Sentinel reported. James A. Koons made the bogus ticket for the Oct. 19 drawing by scanning losing tickets into his computer and changing the numbers, police said. He then gave it to a member in his office lottery pool, who was arrested trying to cash it. (EXPRESS)

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MUNISING, MICH.

Man Apologizes for 1994 Attack on Rosa Parks

A man who beat civil rights icon Rosa Parks and took \$53 from her during a break-in at her Detroit home in 1994 says he dreams of redemption. In a prison interview published Sunday in The Detroit News, Joseph Skipper, 40, repeatedly apologized for the attack and said he cried when he learned that Parks died in October. Skipper is serving an eight- to 15-year sentence at the Alger Maximum Correctional Facility in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. (AP)

WINFIELD, W.VA.

Private Plane Crashes After Straying Miles Off Course

A private plane crashed near a rural home in West Virginia after straying hundreds of miles off course as National Guard fighter crews tried unsuccessfully to contact the pilot. The body of the pilot, the only person on board, was found in the wreckage after the plane crashed Friday night, investigators said. There was no immediate indication if he died during or before the crash. (AP)

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Global Protests Mark Iraq War Date

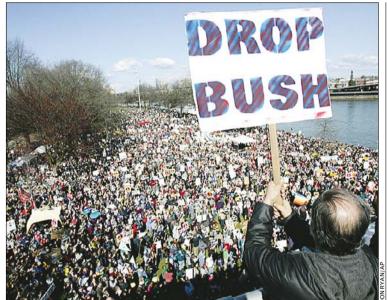
Rallies against U.S.-led invasion draw smaller crowds than past years

CHALMETTE, LA. | The third anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq drew tens of thousands of protesters around the globe, from hurricaneravaged Louisiana to Australia, with chants of "Stop the War" and calls for the withdrawal of troops.

About 200 war veterans, hurricane survivors and demonstrators gathered Sunday at the Chalmette National Cemetery to protest how the military conflict overseas had hurt the country's ability to help the Gulf Coast recover from last year's hurricanes.

"We attacked a country who never did anything to us," said Philadelphia resident Al Zappala, whose 30-year-old son was killed in Iraq in April 2004.

Many of the weekend demonstrations across Australia, Asia and Europe drew smaller-than-anticipated crowds — far short of the millions worldwide who protested the

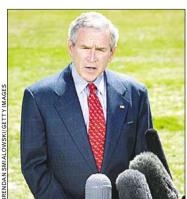


SPEAKING OUT: Thousands of anti-war protesters gather in Portland, Ore., on Sunday to rally against the Iraq war on the third anniversary of the U.S. invasion.

initial invasion in March 2003 and the first anniversary in 2004.

Anti-war rallies in Japan drew about 800 protesters chanting "No war! Stop the war!" and banging drums as they marched peacefully through downtown Tokyo toward the U.S. Embassy. A day earlier, about 2,000 rallied in the city.

Protesters also gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia, and at least 1,000 people turned out in Seoul, South Korea, which has the third-largest contingent of foreign



President Bush praised efforts in Iraq Sunday without using the word 'war.'

troops in Iraq after the U.S. and Britain.

In Washington, President Bush marked the anniversary of the Iraq war Sunday by touting the efforts to build democracy there and avoiding any mention of the daily violence that rages three years after he ordered an invasion.

The president didn't utter the word "war."

"We are implementing a strategy that will lead to victory in Iraq," the president said. (AP)

Durbin: Too Early to Censure Bush

WASHINGTON | A top Senate Democrat said Sunday that President Bush should be held responsible if he violated the law in authorizing the domestic spy program.

But Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said on "Fox News Sunday" it is too early to tell if either censure or impeachment of Bush would be appropriate.

"I can't rule anything out until the investigation is complete. I don't want to prejudge it," said Durbin. "But if this president or any president violates the law, he has to be held accountable." (AP)

Killer Nurse May Donate Kidney

NEWARK, N.J. | A judge has agreed to allow New Jersey's worst serial killer to donate a kidney, but the donor and his doctors have to meet conditions.

Superior Court Judge Paul W.

Armstrong did not say when Charles Cullen might undergo the operation to remove one of his kidneys to be transplanted into a friend.

Cullen has admitted killing 29 patients with drug overdoses at nursing homes and hospitals in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He has been sentenced to 18 life terms. (AP)



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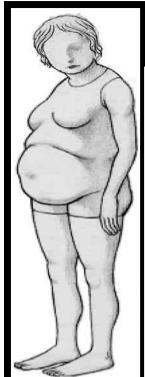
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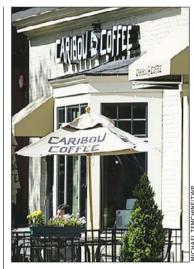
Foreign control of U.S. firms becoming increasingly common

WASHINGTON | The furor over efforts by an Arab company to buy U.S. port operations has focused attention on a little noticed economic fact of life: America increasingly is foreign-owned.

From the ritzy Essex House hotel in Manhattan, owned by the Dubai Investment Group, to the nationwide chains of Caribou Coffee and Church's Chicken, owned by another company serving Arab investors, foreigners are buying bigger and bigger chunks of the country.

The U.S. must borrow more than \$2 billion per day from foreigners to finance its huge trade deficits. In 2005 there was a record deficit of \$805 billion in the current account. Foreigners sell their televisions, cars and oil to Americans and hold dollars in return. Those dollars are invested in stocks, bonds and other assets, including real estate and factories.

Foreigners already own half of the U.S. government's publicly traded debt. As of January, some \$2.19



The Caribou Coffee chain is one of many Arah-owned companies in the U.S.

trillion in Treasury securities were in the hands of central banks, including China and Japan, and private investors abroad.

Arab investment has gotten the most scrutiny of late because of the now-withdrawn bid by a Dubaibased company to buy operations at six major U.S. ports. But statistics show that Arab investments represent only a fraction of the total direct investment in the U.S. by foreigners. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Five Hurt After Gunfire at S.C. Fraternity Party

COLUMBIA, S.C. | A gunman opened fire at a fraternity party in a banquet hall across the street from the South Carolina Capitol early Saturday, wounding five people.

None of the injuries was believed to be life-threatening, but at least one victim was hospitalized in intensive care, authorities said.

No arrests had been made.

A man who had been kicked out of the party after an argument went to his car and returned with a gun just after 1 a.m., said police Sgt. Florence McCants.

Witnesses said the gunman shot into the crowd and at the mirrored ceiling of the rented banquet hall on the ground floor of an office building, according to a police report. The man then left but returned with three other people, who shot at the building from the outside, damaging windows, witnesses told police.

Police did not identify the fraternity that sponsored the party. JOHN C. DRAKE (AP)



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Calif. City Bans Smoking

Nearly all public use of tobacco outlawed in Los Angeles suburb

CALABASAS, CALIF. | One of the strictest tobacco bans in the nation went into effect in the Los Angeles suburb of Calabasas last week. making smoking off limits in public places where someone else might be exposed to secondhand smoke: indoor businesses, outdoor businesses, parks, outdoor cafes, even apartment building common areas.

"We just don't want anyone blowing smoke in someone's face. Unfortunately, what smokers do is harmful to everybody else. People should have the right to breathe clean air," said Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Washburn.

California air-quality regulators declared secondhand smoke a toxic air pollutant earlier this year.

The city took it a step farther, declaring secondhand smoke to be a public nuisance and approving an ordinance banning smoking in all public places — indoors and out – where people might congregate.

Hotels can still allow smoking in up to 20 percent of their rooms, and smoking is allowed in approved designated areas in the upscale city of 23,000 residents.

But if a nonsmoker asks a smoker to stop, the smoker must snuff it or

| face a possible fine in the hundreds of dollars or even a lawsuit.

'We salute Calabasas for raising the bar," said Jim Knox, a legislative advocate for the American Cancer Society in Sacramento. "Smoke regulations can play a very important role in reducing public exposure to harmful secondhand smoke."

Nationally, hundreds of U.S. cities and several states restrict smoking. In California, where communities have been at the forefront of smoking bans, San Francisco last year banned smoking in parks and stadiums, and oceanfront communities' smoking bans have inspired others in Florida and Delaware to designate smokefree beaches. (AP)

MAINE | FIRE ON ICE



SLIPPERY SLOPES: A team of firefighters from Portland, Maine, tackles a slalom course at the Firefighters Ski Race on Sunday in Newry, Maine. The event was set to raise money for the Maine Handicapped Skiing Program.

Yates Remarries Weekend Before Ex-Wife's Retrial

HOUSTON | Rusty Yates remarried Saturday in the church where the funeral for his five children was held and less than two days before his ex-wife's murder retrial was to begin.

Yates married Laura Arnold, 41, during a private ceremony attended by 100 people at Clear Lake Church of Christ, where they met.

Yates divorced Andrea Yates in March 2005, three years after she was sentenced to life in prison on two murder convictions for drowning her children in a bathtub. An appeals court overturned those convictions based on mistaken testimony by a psychiatrist. (AP)

Court Orders Release of Sri Lankan

Man accused of ties to rebels held without charges for 4 years

SAN DIEGO | After more than four vears in U.S. detention centers. Ahilan Nadarajah will soon gain the freedom he sought when he fled Sri Lanka and the government forces there that he says repeatedly jailed and tortured him.

He had reached the United States in October 2001 only to be detained on the same accusations that almost got him killed in his home country: He is suspected of being a member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a separatist group listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department.

Nadarajah denies the claims,

and immigration judges have twice granted him asylum. But the federal government refused to release him.

The latest order came Friday from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, telling the U.S. government it was violating federal law by continuing to hold him even though he wasn't criminally charged. PETER PRENGAMAN (AP)



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The average number of miles that women in developing countries walk each day to fetch water, according to data presented at the World Water Forum in Mexico City. A lack of clean drinking water causes diseases that kill 3.1 million people a year.

In Brief

PARIS

Union Leader Threatens Mass Strike Over Job Law

A powerful union leader on Sunday dangled anew the threat of a general strike to press the French government to withdraw a contested jobs plan that sent at least a half-million people into the streets in protest. Student and employee unions have given Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin until Monday night to withdraw the measure, which is designed to increase job hirings among the young but seen by critics as an erosion of workers' rights. (AP)



A worker disposes of dead turkeys in the Israeli community of Sde Moshe.

JERUSALEM

Thousands of Birds Culled Amid New Signs of Avian Flu

Israeli veterinary officials on Sunday proceeded with the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of turkeys and chickens as new tests came close to confirming Israel's first outbreak of the deadly bird flu. Agriculture Ministry spokeswoman Dafna Varisca said "it's very close to 100 percent" sure that the virus has spread to Israel. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Man Could Face Death for Conversion Under Strict Law

An Afghan man is being prosecuted in a Kabul court and could be sentenced to death on a charge of converting from Islam to Christianity, a crime under this country's Islamic laws, a judge said Sunday. The trial is believed to be the first of its kind in Afghanistan and highlights the struggle over what shape Islam should take four years after the ouster of the Taliban regime. (AP)

Thousands Protest Vote in Belarus

Incumbent's huge lead stirs opposition leader to call for new election

MINSK, BELARUS | The main Belarusian opposition candidate, Alexander Milinkevich, denounced Sunday's presidential vote as a farce and called for a new election as thousands of his supporters jammed a main square in central Minsk to protest the ballot that would hand incumbent Alexander Lukashenko a huge victory.

With 72.2 percent of the ballots counted, Lukashenko had 82.3 percent of the vote compared to 5.8 for Milinkevich, the Central Election Commission said, pointing to a landslide victory and a third term for the authoritarian leader, who has ruled the ex-Soviet republic since 1994. Turnout was 92.6 percent, it said.

Several thousand people heeded Milinkevich's persistent calls for a peaceful protest after polls closed across the nation of 10 million, defying a ban on election day rallies and massing in a bitter wind on



SHOW OF FORCE: Backers of opposition candidate Alexander Milinkevich protest Sunday's presidential vote in Minsk, Belarus.

Oktyabrskaya Square with shouts of "Freedom!" and "Milinkevich!"

"We demand new, honest elections," Milinkevich told the crowd through a small bullhorn, shouting to the snow-dusted crowd on Oktyabrskaya Square. "This was a complete farce."

Milinkevich called on his supporters to return to the square Monday to continue their protest — signaling a bid to hold a sustained protest of the sort that have brought opposition leaders to power in former Soviet republics including Ukraine and Georgia.

Ahead of the vote, the government mounted a campaign of threats and allegations of foreign-backed overthrow plots that its opponents said was aimed at scaring people off the streets and justifying the potential use of force against protesters. Yuras Karmanau (AP)

Somalis Deny Firing on Navy

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Somali militiamen who skirmished with U.S. Navy vessels claimed Sunday they did not fire the first shot and that they had been patrolling Somali waters to stop illegal fishing vessels.

On Saturday, two U.S. Navy ships exchanged gunfire with suspected pirates off the coast of Somalia, killing one suspect and wounding five

others. No U.S. sailors were injured in the gunbattle.

The incident took place in international waters and the Navy took a dozen suspects, including the wounded, into custody after the gunbattle.

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet said again on Sunday that its ships did not fire first, disputing the militiamen's version.

"The Navy ship returned fire after being fired upon," fleet spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Brown told The Associated Press. (AP)

Blair Facing New Woes Over Loan Allegations

LONDON | A furor over secret loans to Tony Blair's Labour Party and charges that he sold seats in the House of Lords to party backers is denting public trust in the British prime minister.

Blair has denied he handed out nominations to the Lords in exchange for funds for the party, but his deputy refused Sunday to categorically say the allegations were false.

A new poll showed that nearly half of Britons believed the charges and more than 70 percent thought Blair's government was at least as sleazy as that of his scandal-ridden predecessor, John Major.

Blair has acknowledged his Labour Party took nearly \$25 million in loans from supporters ahead of last year's general election. The law requires that gifts to political parties must be made public, but it does not cover loans and the party kept them secret until a newspaper reported their existence

last weekend.



Blair

Blair nominated to seats in the House of Lords several of those who had lent money to Labour.

Nonetheless,

Blair's Labour Party remained ahead of its rivals when pollsters asked who people would vote for if there was an election tomorrow. Thirty-seven percent said Labour, 33 percent chose the Conservatives and 21 percent said the Liberal

 $Democrats.\ {\tt BETH\ GARDINER\ (AP)}$

HEARSAY | MILOSEVIC'S UNREST



"My stomach turned ... as I watched his enemies stand by his coffin, the very people who ran away from him like mice on the day he was arrested."

-MARIJA MILOSEVIC, DAUGHTER OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC CRITICIZING THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE CONTROVERSIAL EX YUGOSLAV LEADER AND BLAMING HER FAMILY FOR PERMITTING IT.

World

Mideast Border Standoff at Issue

Initial deal reached to open flow of basic goods to Palestinians

RAFAH. GAZA STRIP | With Palestinians facing severe shortages of bread, milk and other foods in Gaza, U.S. officials called an emergency meeting Sunday and brokered a compromise with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in a border standoff.

Ambassador Richard Jones said cargo traffic might start flowing as soon as Monday at one crossing, and a Palestinian official said a second crossing would be discussed at meetings Monday.

But Palestinian economic hardships may take another hit after Hamas militants sworn to Israel's destruction presented their new Cabinet to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday. The Islamic group's failure to bring moderate forces into its government is likely to strengthen Western resolve to cut off desperately needed aid.

The vital Karni cargo crossing between Israel and Gaza has been closed for most of the past two months, shutting off almost all exports and imports for the poverty-stricken seaside territory. Palestinians charge Israel is



Incoming Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh discusses his picks for a new Cabinet.

punishing them for Hamas' election victory, but Israel insists it is keeping the crossing shut because of warnings of terror attacks.

On Sunday evening, incoming Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh met Abbas to present his new Cabinet, which includes one woman and one Christian.

Abbas said he would submit the list to the PLO executive committee and then to parliament if it approves. Before the meeting, he said he would review the names but would not decide immediately whether to accept the list. As president, he has the authority to demand changes. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

RUSSIA | I AM THE WARRIOR



ST. PAT'S STANCE: Enthusiasts dressed as Medieval warriors re-enact a battle during the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Moscow on Sunday. The popular parade included 20 floats, some 50 vehicles, several bands and an Irish dog club, according to local media reports.









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World



Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, left, and Bolivia's Evo Morales are part of the growing group of Latin American leaders to proudly boast a platform of leftist policies.

In Latin America, A Quick Turn Left

Leaders earning votes by pushing new ideas of fiscal, social change

MEXICO CITY | These aren't the hidein-the-hills leftists of vesteryear, ready to take up arms against the

A new wave of Latin American leaders — variously labeled leftist, populist, nationalist or socialist — is redefining politics in a region where U.S.-backed, right-wing dictatorships spent decades crushing their mostly leftist opponents and supporting corporate interests.

That struggle, fought everywhere from the mountains of Guatemala to the streets of Argentina, has given way to a new generation of politicians as the Cold War recedes into history - a more pragmatic left that embraces its own flavor of free-market policies while vowing to champion the poor and forgotten.

The wave has carried leftist leaders to power in South America's largest and richest nations, as well as impoverished Bolivia. And while once-dominant conservatives haven't vanished altogether right-leaning candidates are popular in Peru and Colombia — the trend is likely to intensify with elections still to come this year in Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

The election with the biggest impact on U.S. policy may be in Mexico, where the front-runner, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, could end a 24-year run of conservative leadership that has moved the southern neighbor to the right.

Some Latin leftists — like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, rose through military ranks. Others came up through Marxist-influenced politics of protest. But aside from Cuban communist Fidel Castro, all now seem unified in the belief that private business remains essential to economic growth that can in turn ease the region's widespread poverty.

These new leaders have found electoral success by walking a fine line between fiscally sound policies that please international markets and creating social programs for their long-ignored populations.

"I don't see how we can be opposed to that if it helps stabilize democratic systems," said Riordan Roett, director of Western Hemisphere studies at Johns Hopkins University. TRACI CARL (AP)

Closings Concern **Parents**

Downsizing in D.C. likely to target schools with low enrollments

WASHINGTON | Some District schools will be closing, some swiftly, and parents are concerned which ones will be targeted by D.C. School Superintendent Clifford B. Janey.

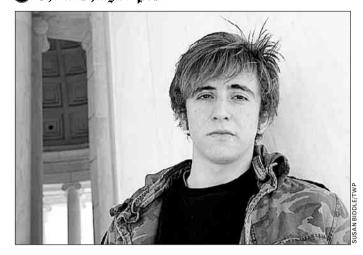
The city has lost 10,000 students over the past five years, which forced last month's decision by the school board to eliminate the equivalent of about 30 schools by Aug. 2008.

The concern is that Janev will target schools with the smallest enrollments, after the board voted last week to get rid of the first million square feet of school space by Aug. 28th.

The goal of vacating the buildings quickly is to lease the sapce and raise money to help schools that have threatened to make cuts in order to cover potential shortfalls in their projected budgets.

Janey has said enrollment should be: 320 students per elementary school, 360 per middle school and 600 per high school. (AP)

(I) The Washington Post | FESTIVAL TRANSLATOR



SPEECH BLOSSOM: Renwick Bivings, 17, is fluent in Japanese and will be a volunteer translator at the Cherry Blossom Festival for his second year in a row this year. He and others will be ready to provide assistance to Japanese tourists expected to arrive in the District for the event. | Inside Metro

Circulator Bus Expands To Include Mall Route

Widened service will stop at Smithsonian museums and gallery

WASHINGTON | Just in time for tourist season, the D.C. Circulator bus system plans to start a new route around the Mall.

Starting Tuesday, the dollar-aride buses will operate a continuous loop on the streets bordering the Mall, stopping at each of the Smithsonian museums as well as the two National Gallery buildings. Buses will run every five to ten minutes.

The new route complements an east-west line between Union Station and Georgetown and a north-south route that runs from the convention center to the waterfront.

The Smithsonian and the National Gallery will give visitors information about the Circulator service. Officials say it will ease the long walk between attractions.

But not everyone is happy about it. The owner of Tourmobile Sightseeing says the service violates his exclusive contract for sightseeing transportation on the Mall. (AP)

Md. Utilities Board Chief Under Fire

State senator calls for resignation over e-mails with lobbyist

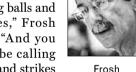
ANNAPOLIS, MD. | A state senator is calling for the resignation of the head of the board that regulates state utilities, saying recently released emails with a lobbyist show a violation of the public trust.

Sen. Brian Frosh said the e-mails show the commission is not a neutral arbiter between consumers and utility companies.

"The chairman of the Public

Service Commission is supposed to be calling balls and strikes," Frosh said. "And you can't be calling balls and strikes

when you are



Frosh

plotting strategy with a member of

the industry."

In the e-mails between chairman Kenneth D. Schisler and utility lobbyist Carville Collins, the two discuss the political impact of rising electric bills on deregulation.

In one exchange, Collins asks what to mention during a lunch with the governor. Schisler asks Collins to tell the governor he will work to make sure Senate President Mike Miller, a Democrat, doesn't turn the issue into a political football. (AP)

Suspects Sought In Dual Homicide

PALMER PARK | Police in Prince George's County are looking for suspects in a double homicide Saturday.

Officials said they found Norman Walker and Andre Richardson in a parking lot suffering from gunshot wounds. They were both transported to hospitals, where they both died a short while later.

Investigators believe they may have been in an altercation. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Food Inside Toaster Oven Might Have Caused Fatal Fire

A preliminary investigation suggests food inside of a toaster oven may have been the cause of the fire that killed a man Saturday night in Northwest.

DC Fire and EMS spokesman Alan Etter said firefighters were able to rescue the man from the sixth floor of the Oaklawn Terrace apartments on the 3600 block of 16th St. The man, who has not been identified, was found unconscious shortly after 9 p.m. and taken to a local hospital, where he died. No one else was injured and no other apartments were damaged. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Apartments Evacuated After Fire Inside Trash Compactor

Residents of a luxury apartment complex are back inside after a fire broke out Sunday in Northwest. DC Fire and EMS spokesman Alan Etter said the building had to be evacuated after the trash compactor caught fire. He said fire went up the trash chute. (AP)

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Personal Tech

By the Numbers

Museums are turning to cell phones to run the age-old audio tour

INNOVATION | Art lovers, history buffs and science devotees, take note: To get the most out of your next museum visit, make sure you have your cell phone with you.

Not to gab on, of course, but to listen to audio tours that weave music and narration from historical archives designed to bring more context to the exhibitions. For many visitors, it comes as a welcome alternative to the decades-old system of museums renting out expensive handheld devices.

In the past year, about a dozen art institutions across the country have begun offering cell phone tours, mostly for free. Dozens more are in the process of implementing the service.

One reason for the surge is the emergence of companies such as Guide by Cell of San Francisco, Ashburn, Va.-based Spatial Adventures Inc. and Minneapolisbased Museum411, which run computer servers and phone systems so museums don't have to.

Using the museum services is as easy as dialing a number and selecting the code that corresponds to the artwork a visitor is viewing. While



PHONING IT IN: Ben Patel uses his cell phone to listen to an audio tour as he looks at artwork by Llyn Foulkes at the San Jose Museum of Art in San Jose, Calif.

each museum's system is different, visitors generally can stay on the same call throughout the tour and switch from one exhibit to the next by entering different codes.

For now, most museums offer cell phone audio for free, although users must deduct the time spent listening from their monthly allotment of minutes.

Many museums are able to give away the service because companies such as Guide by Cell, living off investor financing, offer free pilots of the service. About half of Guide by Cell's customers are paying for the service, while all of Museum411's clients pay.

Not all museums are embracing the trend. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is studying cell phone audio tours but has decided to hold off for now.

"Museums themselves are relative novices at this and don't have any experience producing this type of content in-house," said Peter Samis, associate curator of education at the museum. "There's a steeper learning curve than many proselytizers of the technology are willing to acknowledge." dan goodin (ap)

Safe Storage for Music

TECH TEST | Having your entire music collection at your fingertips is simple enough if you own an iPod or other portable digital player with multiple gigabytes of storage.

Until you drop it. Or the PC that you use to sync your player has a meltdown. Then what?

One option is turning to MP3tunes' Oboe Locker, a Webbased service launched by the founder of the original MP3.com.

Oboe provides an affordable way to protect against a catastrophic loss of music files with an added perk: Users can listen to their own music on virtually any computer.

In testing the service, I found it simple to use, although I wasn't able to try my hand at dialing up my files on a mobile phone or other portable device. Those features won't be available until later this year.

The Oboe Locker's biggest benefit might be that it can serve as an unlimited online storage backup for your music files. The no-limit bandwidth will cost you \$39.95 a year. There's also a free, albeit more limited, version of the service.

As someone sometimes disappointed with music picks at parties, I like the prospect of virtually taking my entire catalog of music across town or across the country.

And knowing my personal trove of music is safely backed up in cyberspace, sparing me the unsettling prospect of having to rip scores of CDs back into my PC should it fail, makes using the Oboe Locker a no-brainer. ALEX VEIGA (AP)

The number of victories for Memphis this season, the most in school history. Win No. 32 came on Sunday when the No. 1 seed defeated No. 9 seed Bucknell to advance to the Sweet 16 in the Oakland region of the NCAA Tournament.

Sports



Roy Hibbert had 20 points, 14 rebounds and 3 blocks in Sunday's 70-52 victory.

The Hoyas Blow Out Buckeyes

Georgetown rekindles memories of elder Thompson's heyday

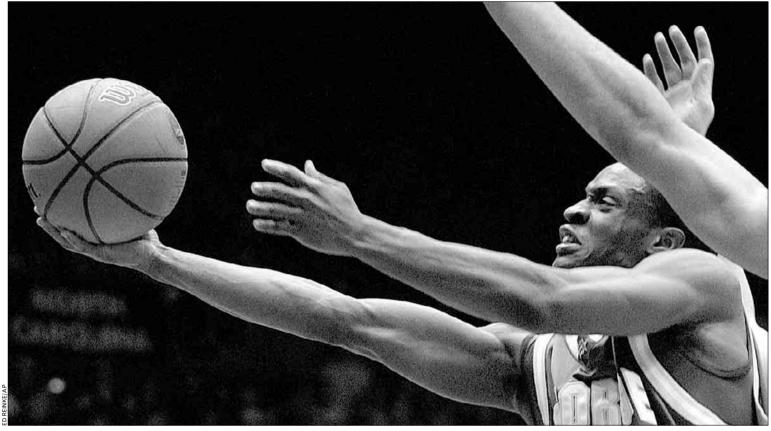
HOYAS HOOPS | John Thompson took over a losing Georgetown program and needed four years to win two games in an NCAA tournament.

His son is way ahead of him.

Seven-foot-2 Roy Hibbert scored 20 points, Jeff Green 19, Ashanti Cook 17 and Darrel Owens 14 — accounting for all the Hoyas' points — to beat second-seeded Ohio State 70-52 on Sunday in the second round of the Minneapolis Regional. Hibbert also had 14 rebounds and three blocked shots.

The seventh-seeded Hoyas (23-9) did it with a patient and disciplined offense and a dose of that tenacious defense that Thompson made famous. After the final seconds ticked away, the happy Hoyas pointed to the eldest Thompson at courtside, who stood and raised a fist and flashed a smile as wide as any he wore during Georgetown's run to the NCAA title in 1984.

Georgetown (23-9) advances to meet Florida (29-6) on Friday. This is the first time since 1996 that a Big Ten team hasn't made it through the tournament's first weekend. (AP)



THE SKINNY: George Mason guard Tony Skinn goes up for a basket in the Patriots win over North Carolina Sunday. Skinn played after being suspended for Friday's game.

Patriots Act as Giant Killers, Again

Mason drops UNC to advance in D.C. region

UPSET | Michigan State? Gone. Defending national champion North Carolina? Gone, too.

Any more questions about whether George Mason belongs in the NCAA tournament?

Didn't think so.

The upstart Patriots turned Carolina a whole different shade of blue Sunday, knocking the third-seeded Tar Heels out with a 65-60 victory that set up a mid-major matchup in the round of 16.

George Mason (25-7) will play Wichita State on Friday in the Washington Regional semifinals, pitting the Colonial Athletic Association against the Missouri Valley's regular-season champion. The Patriots won 70-67 at Wichita State last month.

"There's been talk about the Missouri Valley all year," said Lamar Butler, who led the Patriots with 18 points. "Hardly anyone has talked about the CAA. It's hard to believe



The Mason bench celebrates a score late in Sunday's 65-60 win over UNC.

we're both in the Sweet 16."

George Mason is the first Colonial Athletic team to make the round of 16 since Richmond did it in 1988, and only the third overall. This one has everything it takes to play with the big boys. That was coach Jim Larranaga's message to his green-uniformed team before the opening tip.

"The last comment I made to them was, 'What color is kryptonite?" he said. "They said, 'Green.' I said, 'Look at your jerseys. You have everything you need to win this game." Joe kay (AP)

Bradley Stuns Pitt for Sweet 16 Trip

UPSET | They're partying in Peoria! Bradley is in the third round of the NCAA tournament for the first time in 41 years.

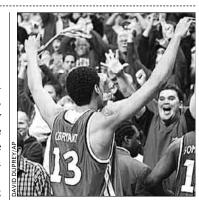
Patrick O'Bryant dominated Aaron Gray in a matchup of 7-footers, getting 28 points and seven rebounds to lead 13th-seeded Bradley to a 72-66 victory over fifth-seeded Pittsburgh on Sunday in the second round of

NCAA SUNDAY SCORES

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Marcellus Sommerville added 18 points for the Braves (22-10), who join fellow Missouri Valley Conference member Wichita State in the round of 16. They will play the winner of top-seeded Memphis in Oakland, Calif., on Thursday.

The Braves (25-8) became the first No. 13 seed in the regional semifinals since Oklahoma in 1999. (AP)



Bradley cener Patrick O'Bryant celebrates his team's 72-66 win on Sunday.







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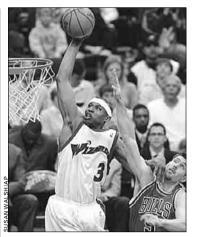
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Wizards **Run Past** The Bulls

WIZARDS | Gilbert Arenas, Antonio Daniels and the rest of the Washington Wizards' high-flying offense handled Chicago's stingy defense without a problem.

Arenas led the way with 29 points and seven assists, substitute Daniels scored a season-high 21 on his 31st birthday, and two other Wizards topped 20 points in Washington's 113-104 victory Sunday in a rematch of a 2005 first-round playoff series.

Caron Butler scored 25 points, and Antawn Jamison had 23, giving the Wizards four 20-point scorers in a game for the first time since Nov. 25 at Detroit, 52 games ago.



Caron Butler, seen here dunking, was one of four Wizards to score 20 points.

Ben Gordon led Chicago with 20 points, and Luol Deng led a late charge with 18, 10 in the fourth quarter. But Chicago had to dig out of too big a hole by then, trailing by 20 at halftime and 27 early in the third quarter. While the Bulls got as close as seven points late, the Wizards came up with an answer each time. Howard Fendrich (AP)

BASEBALL (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Cuba plays Japan in a very worldly final to the World Baseball Classic.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Capitals take on the Montreal Canadiens.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON OLN) Jaromir Jagr leads the Rangers against the Bruins.

WOMEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN)

The second round of the women's NCAA

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Notre Dame plays Michigan in the postsea-

BASEBALL (I P.M. ON ESPN) The Atlanta Braves face the St. Louis Cardinals in an exhibition game in Jupiter, Fla.



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JAM SESSION: Tennessee's Candace Parker slam-dunked her way into NCAA history, becoming the first woman to dunk in an NCAA tournament game Sunday, jamming one-handed in the Lady Vols' 102-54 victory against Army. Later, Parker became the first woman to dunk twice in a college game.

Sports

Terps Are Heartbreakers

Maryland leads from start to finish in easy first-round victory

TERPS WOMEN | Marylandled Sacred Heart from the opening tip, dominated the paint and had too much talent for the Pioneers.

Just what you'd expect from a No. 2 seed in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Terrapins, bypassed for a top seed when the tournament matchups were announced last week despite a No. 3 national ranking, pulled away in the second half of a 95-54 rout of 15th-seeded Sacred Heart on Sunday.

"Yeah, they're a national contender. I mean, there's not many weaknesses on there," Sacred Heart coach Ed Swanson said.

Jade Perry led Maryland with 20 points and 10 rebounds and Laura Harper added 16 points and 13 boards. The Terps outrebounded the Pioneers 57-26, and outscored Sacred Heart in the paint 56-14.



Maryland's Kristi Tolliver passes the ball Sunday. The Terps next play St. John's.

"We wanted to come out and bring some energy on the defensive end by coming out in the press," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "We were able to get some turnovers early. We also had the size advantage."

Maryland was so dominant that even seldom-used reserves like Angel Ross, who had seen action in just 12 games coming into the contest, played eight minutes.

"Obviously to get that kind of quality rest is huge, especially with the turnaround," Frese said.

The Terps will face St. John's, seeded seventh in the Albuquerque Region, in the second round on Tuesday. Genaro C. Armas (AP)

GW Comes Out Strong Against Old Dominion

Next up for No. 7 seed Colonials is game vs. vaunted Tennessee

GW WOMEN | Staying home didn't help Old Dominion end an NCAA tournament losing streak, and going on the road didn't intimidate George Washington a bit.

Sarah-Jo Lawrence scored 20 points and the Colonials (23-8) held off a desperate rally by the host Lady Monarchs 87-72 Sunday in the first round of the Cleveland Regional. George Washington advanced to play Tennessee on Tuesday night.

The loss was the fifth in a row in the tournament for Old Dominion (21-9), and marked the second time they couldn't end the skid even with the first round at the Constant Convocation Center. They also lost here, 73-72, to Boston College in 2003.

This time, the 15-time Colonial Athletic Association champions did



Jessica Adair leads the Colonials in a celebration after their victory Sunday.

it to themselves, or at least served as far too generous hosts for the Atlantic 10 regular season champions, turning the ball over 15 times in a disastrous first half alone.

The sloppiness started with George Washington leading 12-11 and 12:51 left, and ended with the Colonials ahead 40-18. (AP)



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Sports



FLY PATTERN: In case you missed it, Patrick Ramsey's stormy tenure with the Redskins ended with a trade to the Jets for a 6th-round pick Friday. Ramsey was a first-rounder in 2002.

Sorry End to Sorry Season

Debacle in NIT raises concerns about state of Terrapins' program

TERPS MEN | After a season in which they lost their leading scorer in midseason, again failed to reach the NCAA tournament and made an embarrassingly rapid exit from the NIT, the Maryland Terrapins no longer enjoy the elite status that characterized the program as recently as two years ago.

The only way to get it back is through hard work, and some members of Maryland's most recent underachieving team wonder aloud if their teammates have the dedication to get it done.

Minutes after playing his final game at Maryland, a stunning 87-84 home loss to Manhattan on Saturday, senior forward Nik Caner-Medley said, "Everybody in this locker room loves the game. But I think there are some things the guys need to learn in terms of time management and being able to prepare yourself in the best possible way."

Those returning from this season's 19-13 team could learn a thing or two from the squad that reached



Coach Gary Williams reacts as time runs out on Maryland's season on Saturday.

the Final Four in Minneapolis 2001, then won the national championship one year later.

"We were a little different team in terms of toughness," coach Gary Williams said. "Those guys went into the weight room a week after we got back from Minneapolis, on their own. I was going to give them two weeks off. They were in there after one week."

In other words, the Terrapins can't wait until next October to

begin working on getting better.

The Terps lose Caner-Medley, forward Travis Garrison and guard Sterling Ledbetter. They will return starters D.J. Strawberry, James Gist, Mike Jones and Ekene Ibekwe and add four solid freshmen to the mix, according to Williams.

"We have some really good players as part of that freshman class who want the challenge of playing in the ACC. We'll see what happens," Williams said. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)





OUT OF ACTION: Looks like the Nationals had reason to worry about Luis Ayala playing in the World Baseball Classic. He hurt his elbow and is out for the season.

Sports

Dodgers Dominate Nats

Gagne among L.A.'s pitchers to shut down Washington's offense

NATIONALS | Los Angeles closer Eric Gagne threw a scoreless seventh inning in the Dodgers' 9-1 victory over the Washington Nationals on Sunday.

Gagne made his fourth appearance of the spring, throwing 15 pitches to four hitters. He walked one and struck out one while mixing in his full complement of pitches for the first time in a game situation.

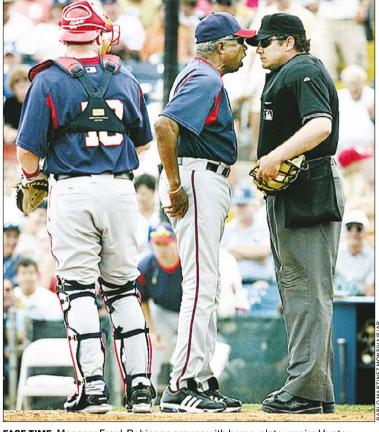
Gagne, one of baseball's top closers from 2002-04, had season-ending elbow surgery in June. He will throw again Wednesday against the New York Mets in Port St. Lucie. He is expected to throw in backto-back games next week.

"I'm more loose," Gagne said. "I threw everything. I'm cutting loose. I'm going all out. I just need to get my arm strength up."

Derek Lowe, the Dodgers' opening day starter, sparkled through six innings, allowing one run and four hits. He struck out three and upped his spring record to 3-0.

Through 13 innings this spring, the right-hander has a 0.69 ERA and has yet to walk a batter.

"I think the man is getting him-



FACE TIME: Manager Frank Robinson argues with home-plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt Sunday. Robinson and first-base coach Davey Lopez were ejected.

self geared up for a great season," manager Grady Little said. "He's getting the focus he needs. The talent has always been there."

Ricky Ledee and Bill Mueller

homered for the Dodgers, who finished with 12 hits. Mueller went 3-for-3 with two RBIs to raise his average to .379. He also has a teamhigh nine RBIs. (AP)

Lefty Hopes to Find a Job With O's

ORIOLES | Vic Darensbourg's sweeping sidearm delivery is a new wrinkle for a pitcher whose constant tweaking of his mechanics has extended his major league career.

"If left-handers stay healthy, they can find some work," Darensbourg said. "Everybody needs them; they're a hot commodity."

Whether the mechanical alterations will be enough for Darensbourg to nudge his way into the Baltimore Orioles' crowded lefthanded bullpen picture remains to

Manager Sam Perlozzo will likely include three left-handed relievers on the opening day roster. John Halama and Eric DuBose could both be kept for long relief,



Vic Darensbourg is hoping to make the Orioles despite struggling in the spring.

leaving Darensbourg competing with incumbent Tim Byrdak for the situational role.

Darensbourg, 35, is 0-2 with a 7.50 ERA in six innings spread over five outings. Byrdak has yet to allow

an earned run in five appearances totaling six innings.

"Somebody needs to get a tough left-hander out late in a ballgame. and I don't care who it is," Perlozzo said.

Darensbourg, signed as a minor league free agent in the offseason with a spring training invitation, however, boasts a track record.

Before he was recalled by Detroit last year, Darensbourg didn't allow an earned run in his first 36 appearances with the Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens and opponents hit only .127 off him in that span.

Detroit purchased his contract July 24 and Darensbourg went 1-1 with a 2.82 ERA in 22 outings covering 22 1/3 innings. (AP)



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A Great Receptionist

Jenna Fischer of 'The Office' is secretly an indie-film auteur

HIDDEN DEPTHS | To most viewers of NBC's offbeat comedy "The Office," Jenna Fischer is known as the sweet-faced, infinitely patient secretary with a sharply concealed sense of humor. With her angelic features and quiet nature, Fischer's put-upon Pam Beesley wields her wit at unexpected times, perfecting the dry deadpan that has become the show's trademark.

So it should come as no surprise that her feature directing debut, "LolliLove," would be a fitfully funny and frequently twisted tale that doesn't hesitate to poke good-natured fun at charity work, the plight of the homeless and Fischer herself.

The script, co-written with Peter Alton, centers on a self-absorbed Hollywood couple whose names happen to be James and Jenna Gunn — played by Fischer and her real-life husband, writer-director James Gunn.

Filmed in a mock documentary style, "LolliLove" follows the couple as they embark on charity work, choosing the homeless as their personal cause. Other charities are considered but discarded; bulimia, for example, is passed on as "not a real disease." The filmic Jenna decides



DILEMMA: Jenna Fischer's Pam is torn between the safety of her fiance and the unpredictability of a future with overqualified salesman Jim (John Krasinski).

to name her charity "LolliLove" and pass out lollipops with original artwork by James on the wrappers and inspirational quotes inside, and she begins a lengthy process of enlisting benefactors and volunteers to help with her well-intentioned, if slightly warped, generosity.

Fischer's intention with the film was to avoid making what she calls "a wink-wink mockumentary." "I wanted to make something you might think was a real documentary while you were watching it," she explains. Two years after shooting "LolliLove," released earlier this month on Troma Films DVD, she caught an episode of the original British series "The Office." "I was furious," she said with a laugh. "I was, like, 'This is what I was trying to do. This is what I meant.' This idea of how people react when they think the camera's on and how they react when they think it's not — that was the piece I had been missing."

On the upside, two weeks later, Fischer was called in to audition for the American version of "The Office." She went in possibly more prepared than any other candidate. "I really feel it was divine intervention that I chose to work in this medium for a year," she said. "It was the best practice I could have ever gotten for the possibility of being on the show."

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Facing the Final Sleep

Donald Fagen of Steely Dan deals with the inevitable end

MUSIC | Seasoned Steely Dan fans will recognize Donald Fagen's imprimatur immediately: a punch of bass, a flick of guitar, a gold-dust cymbal, and the groove evolves.

"Morph the Cat" (Reprise), Fagen's third solo album and his



On Donald Fagen's third album, all of his sterling hallmarks are in place.

first since 1993's "Kamakiriad," keeps true to the traits that he and Steely Dan co-genius Walter Becker ennobled in the 1970s — top-shelf production, easy grooves, memorable melodies and improbable oppositions of lyric and tune.

Fagen has referred to Morph as his "death album," and as such, the songs are predictably (for him) upbeat and cheery. "H Gang" details the sorry efforts of to regain old glories; "What I Do" resurrects Ray Charles for a chat; "Security Joan" is about swooning for a security guard during a patdown (don't pretend you don't identify), and the title track describes an imaginary feline that floats above Manhattan — perhaps the spirit of pre-9/11 New York, suffused with a little more paranoia than usual.

a washed-up musical group trying

Fagen, himself a New Yorker, focuses these nine tracks through the eyes of a guy who finds himself constantly looking over his shoulder. Stephen Busemeye (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Entertainment

Casualties Of Merger

New combo-network CW tries out some potential schedules

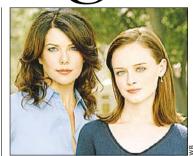
JIGSAW | The big screen in the spiffy auditorium on the Warner Bros. lot flashed three possible fall schedules for the new television network faster than you could say CW.

"I thought I saw 'Everwood' in at least two of them," said one of the guests at the CW's first development meeting with advertisers.

"Smackdown' was on all three of them," offered another. "But 'Reba' was there too," said another observer. "That was confusing."

Yes, and it was meant to be. Those three shows were among 13 UPN and WB programs on the screen whose makers would all love to find a home on the CW when those two networks shut down in the fall.

"It really all was hypothetical," said CW's president of entertainment, Dawn Ostroff. "You were supposed to imagine the possibilities."



Lorelei and Rory of "Gilmore Girls" will stick around on the CW network.

What is also possible is to glean actual information, not from Ostroff, but some of the other high-powered men and women in suits. From them, it was learned unofficially that the following shows are locked in to fill 6½ hours of the CW's 13-hour fall schedule: "America's Next Top Model," "Gilmore Girls," "Everybody Hates Chris," "Smallville," "Beauty and the Geek" and "WWE Smackdown!"

That's fine, but what about "Everwood"? Maria Elena Fernandez (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Found in Translation

The hard times are over for ska-punk celebrities Hard-Fi

THE BIG TIME | When London rock band Hard-Fi hits the American road this month, it marks the continuation of a journey that began exactly one year ago.

During its first U.S. visit for shows at Austin's South by Southwest Music and Media Conference in March 2005, the quartet — from Staines in Middlesex, on the outskirts of London — was largely unknown even in the United Kingdom. Now, its debut album, "Stars of CCTV" (Necessary/Atlantic), is certified



THEY WORKED HARD TO GET THIS LUCKY: A known quantity but not superstars in the U.K., Hard-Fi is hopeful but realistic about its prospects in the United States.

double-platinum in Britain.

But this is no everyday tale of firsttime-lucky teenagers. Lead singersongwriter Richard Archer had been on the periphery of the industry for several unsuccessful years, and Hard-Fi recorded the album for next to nothing in low-fi locations before securing a modest release on the independent Necessary.

Its experience at the sharp end of the music business gives the band an unusually hard-nosed outlook about its U.K. success and U.S. prospects.

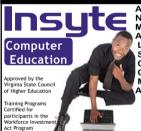
"At the end of the day, the U.S. label didn't sign us," Archer said, "but we're quite lucky, because they seem to be genuinely up for it. But all the money doesn't count for anything if you haven't got some passion."

The band's label patrons on both sides of the Atlantic certainly express enthusiasm. "They're tremendous workers and incredible songwriters," said Atlantic U.S. CEO Craig Kallman, who traveled to London to see Hard-Fi several times before the deal was signed.

"There are lots of bands that are not as easily traveled because they're very indigenous," he added. "In this case, as U.K.-centric as a song like [album track] 'Feltham Is Singing Out' is, it's an incredible song. The Clash cited many [British] things, and there are interesting musical similarities. I was struck by how [Hard-Fi] was a global band, musically unlike anything else out there."

Or, as Hugo Bedford, director of A&R at Atlantic in London, put it, "What [Archer] is singing about in London — having no money or losing his girlfriend — could apply to a guy in Ohio." PAUL SEXTON (BILLBOARD)

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V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 10:20

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15,

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THE LIBERTINE (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15

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AQUAMARINE (PG) 2:15, 5:20, 7:55

DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00,

ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55 MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:00, 3:25, 4:40, 6:15.

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AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

FIND ME GUILTY (R) 🗸 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35 SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) \(\simes\) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50 THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) / 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10 **FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 12:50, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:55, 0:00, 10:55

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DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 9:00 PM SYRIANA (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 6:20

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

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AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68 703-998-4AMC

V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 5:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:30
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 5:45, 8:10
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THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 3:10, 5:25, 8:10, 10:20

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

703-671-0910 801

NIGHT WATCH (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:50, 10:10 MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00 4:50 7:20 9:30 THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R)

1:10, 3:50, 7:40, 10:00
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
TRANSAMERICA (R) 1:40, 4:20, 8:00, 10:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
CAPOTE (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

LOEWS DUPONT 5

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DUCK SEASON (R) 5:15, 8:30 VINTER PASSING (R) 8:10 MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 5:45 MRS. HENDEHOON FREDERING WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:30, 8:15 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:45 CAPOTE (R) 5:00, 8:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) / 12:00. 2:30. 5:00. 7:35. 10:00 V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30

V FOR VENDETTA (R) [CC] ✓ 2:15, 5:20, 8:30 FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) \(\square\) 12:05, 1:05, 2:25, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:15, 9:40, 10:35

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AQUAMARINE (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

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Courthouse and Birch Rd.

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TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:30, 5:40, 8:10 MUNICH (R) 2:00, 5:20, 8:40

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:20, 5:30, 8:30

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11

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LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

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LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:00, 5:05, 8:00

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TV's Time Bombs

Counting down the minutes on Fox's '24' and 'Prison Break

SUSPENSE | Monday nights have become the night of the ticking clock on Fox. "Prison Break" (8 p.m., Fox) joins "24" in two hours of paranoia, conspiracy and claustrophobia.

The first half-season concluded with Michael Scofield's (Wentworth Miller) escape plans foiled — at least temporarily — and with his innocent brother Lincoln (Dominic Purcell) facing execution within a matter of hours. In what seems to be the most porous prison facility in the country,



HOT IN HERE: Michael (Wentworth Miller) is running out of time in prison.

Michael tries to devise a new way to stave off his brother's date with the electric chair. Meanwhile, shadowy forces appear to be in a big hurry to send Lincoln to the big sleep before the truth can be discovered.

"Prison Break" shares other things with "24" (9 p.m., Fox). Both stories involve characters presumed dead, and both feature vice presidents as heavies. The CTU headquarters has often resembled a posh variation on a prison, and last week's episode, in which Jack and the team were locked in glass to avoid nerve-gas contamination, was the most locked-down hour of the season.

Tonight, the first lady (Jean Smart) continues her attempts to locate her husband's backbone. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

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On two episodes of **RELATED** (WB), Dad departs (8 p.m.) and the girls remember Mama (Dana Delany) (9 p.m.). The second episode marks the season finale and, in all likelihood, the end for "Related."

MMM, 'BRENT'S PSYCHO-POPS' The teams compete to launch a new breakfast cereal on THE APPRENTICE (9 p.m., NBC).

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Environment

Wisconsin hopes to lure tourists with its eco-friendly amenities

John Ivanko of Browntown, Wis., uses wind power, solar power and a wood stove to meet the energy needs at his bed-and-breakfast, Inn Serendipity. He serves food from his organic garden and composts the leftovers. Even the bath tiles at the inn were chosen with the environment in mind — they were produced from recycled windshield glass.

As a result of all this, the twounit inn, which Ivanko runs with Lisa Kivirist, was listed as one of the "top 10 eco-destinations" in North America last year by Natural Home & Garden magazine.

It's not easy being green, but such efforts are about to be recognized further through an environmental certification program called Travel Green Wisconsin being created for Wisconsin lodgings, restaurants and other tourism businesses.

"This will help Wisconsin set itself apart from equally impressive states because it is the first," Ivanko said.

Martha Honey, executive director of The International Ecotourism Society, said she wants to see other

states follow the lead of the Travel Green Wisconsin program.

"We hope that it will spread,"

Every guest at Ivanko's inn is offered a tour pointing out the B&B's "green" features — from the organic farm where strawberries are grown for breakfast pancakes, to the solar panels on the roof that heat the shower water.

Some people stay at the B&B specifically to learn how the place is run. Others come to escape urban life while enjoying the rolling countryside, bike trails and culinary offerings, from cheese factories to Swiss-German cuisine.



SEE THE LIGHT: Inn Serendipity, ran by John Ivanko and Lisa Kivirist, uses energy from solar power collected by these panels.

"It gives them a chance to experi-

ment with a slightly different way of living," Ivanko said.

Wisconsin has been at the forefront of the environmental movement over the years as the home of famed naturalists John Muir and

Aldo Leopold, and the late U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, said state tourism secretary Jim Holperin.

Creation of the certification program by his agency, working with

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the Wisconsin Environmental Initiative, can keep the state's environmental tradition alive, he said.

We believe this will provide a way to market state businesses that are working toward leaving a smaller footprint on the land," Holperin said.

Colette Corwin of Alva, Fla., stayed at Ivanko's inn in January and said she plans to consult the list the next time she visits Wisconsin.

"A lot of people can call themselves green," she said. "But we went to one hotel in Florida that called itself green and we couldn't see anything green about it."

The tourism department contracted with Wisconsin Environmental Initiative — a nonprofit organization that works with business, government and citizen groups on environmental issues to create the certification process.

"We are a part of nature, rather than apart from it," Ivanko said. "If you ruin the area which people are coming to see, you won't have it any more." John Hartzell (AP)

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Food

Luxury hotels offer upscale take-out for their frequent flyers

Pistachio-crusted blue fin tuna topped with shaved fennel and blood oranges. Prosciutto and burratta mozzarella on bone bread, garnished with arugula. Grilled chicken with avocado and chipotle aioli.

Luxury hotels around the country serve such gourmet entrees in their dining rooms.

Now, many are offering the meals in takeout bags or boxes to well-heeled travelers forced to fend for themselves as airlines scale back food service. It's a way for the upscale hotels to attract repeat business and luxury travelers.

"I don't want to be down on the airport, but once you get there, you're limited to whatever fast food they have," said Pamela Morris, who travels for her job at an economic development council in Colorado.

Morris recently ordered a

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airport, but once you get there, you're limited to whatever fast food they have."

PAMELA MORRIS BUSINESS TRAVELER

poached chicken breast pita sandwich with tarragon mayonnaise from the flight food menu of the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City during a business trip to Washington.

"It was perfect for what we needed it for," she said. "It was filling and fresh, and it was easy."

The trend toward gourmet travel offerings by hotels began when high fuel prices and competition from nofrills carriers forced many domestic airlines to trim costs by closing kitchens, industry observers said.

"You saw them starting to deal with the void of what domestic air-lines have been offering," said Albert

Herrera, vice president for hotels and resorts at Virtuoso, a network of travel agents that specializes in luxury trips.

Airlines that haven't cut out meals completely have started selling light meals. American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and other carriers offer cold sandwiches and snack boxes for about \$5 on long flights.

"It's your everyday turkey burrito wrapped in cellophane," aviation consultant Jack Keady said.

By contrast, the posh Peninsula Beverly Hills in California sells takeout platters of blue fin tuna, poached salmon and Cobb salad in narrow cardboard boxes with suitcase-like handles for about \$20.

Guests at the Hotel Plaza Athene in New York can order a chicken club or shaved roast beef sandwich packed with monogrammed cloth napkins and a reusable thermos from the hotel's "Goodies to Go" menu.

Hotels aren't just filling doggie bags with food from their restaurant menus. Some are devising special dishes that travel well and stay tasty at room temperature.

"It's actually a very difficult thing to come up with something," said



Flight-ready takeout gourmet meals from the Peninsula Hotel include such items as bluefin tuna, poached salmon and Cobb salad; each boxed meal costs about \$20.

chef Dakota Weiss at the Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey in Los Angeles. "You never know how long it's going to stick around."

Hotel managers said sales of the meals are up.

"You're delivering service, not just when they pay the bill and you put them in a limo, but so that they're also thinking of you on their flight back," Herrera said.

JACOB ADELMAN (AP)

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Knot What You Think

No longer hippie holdovers, wearable textiles such as macrame are modern again

When you hear the word "macrame," do images of 1960s-style wall hangings dance in your head?

You're not alone. But there's a wide world of macrame that has nothing to do with hippies and hemp.

The friendship bracelets that neighborhood girls give to each other? They're macrame. So are some pretty cool trims for lampshades and curtains, and top fashion designers are embracing macrame for straps, belts and other adornments. Macrame fits into both the artisan and nautical trends spotted on the spring runways.

Hannah Milman, crafts editorial director at Martha Stewart Living, offers a primer: "Macrame falls under the category of textile making, using knots rather than weaving or knitting to create a textile out of string, yarn or twine," she explains.

Most woven fabrics are done on a loom, but macrame typically is done with cords looped around dowels or pins tacked onto a foam board. "It's not an exact art," Milman chuckles.

The knots range from the most simple — square knots like sailors do — to intricate Chinese-style knots. You can even use the overhand knot that you use when tying shoelaces.

It's become common to add beads, shells or other embellishments between knots to make the macrame more decorative. Also, while that natural hemp or cotton string is still used, so are delicate velvet ribbons, leather, natural raffia silk and colorful dyed twine.

If you take the time to look at the weave of a macrame item, you'll see a beautiful pattern that also adds texture to an outfit, says Melody Kulp, founder and creative director

TIE ONE ON: Macrame belts add texture and bulk to simple, soft-knit pieces such as the T-shirt above and a pair of flowing pants.





of Sweetees — one of those California casual brands that celebrities are photographed in on their days off. She says stores can't keep in stock the brown, peach and green macrame belts she paired with solid soft-knit dresses and pants this season.

"If you really wanted to, you could make it yourself," says Kulp, "but our macrame belt has fusing inside. It's not as easy as it looks. But if you're a crafty person, I'm sure you could do it."

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MELODY KULP FOUNDER, DIRECTOR OF SWEETEES

Indeed, belts and bracelets are easy and satisfying projects to start with, says Milman, and it won't take long to move on to a choker necklace with some semiprecious stones, gold beads or rhinestones. Instructions and patterns seem readily available.

A quick Internet search turns up dozens of macrame Web sites, mostly run by devoted crafters, and Milman says there are several good books. They were published in the 1960s and '70s, but the directions remain the same.

The idea is to use new materials and an old technique.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Bags



Weather or Not

Who remembers to bring an umbrealla, really? Especially when you can just hold your bag over your head and sprint! The flaw in this plan crops up only when you arrive at work with papers bleeding ink all over the inside of your bag and you don't realize it until you stick your hand in to get your lunch. Chrome (chromebags.com), which has been making messenger bags since 1993, just introduced a fully waterproof messenger bag. The outside is made of all-weather material to repel water; the inside has a fully waterproof liner to create a watertight seal. Three sizes are available; prices range from \$145 to \$165. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Bridal

A Tasteful Gathering

We love the hilarity of a wedding dress with a teeny top half and a gigantic bottom, a style that just won't seem to die. But it has been adapted into something not awful with the most recent bridal trend: the pick-up skirt. This means the skirt is gathered at various intervals, giving volume with-

out creating that ballerina-on-crack look. These dresses have a fairy-tale look without being too sweet. The Alfred Angelo gown (right, \$750) also shows another trend cropping up for spring and summer brides: Color, Pale brides rejoice!

LOOK Voices

Lisa de Moraes

Channel Surfing

Post TV Columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday and talked — what else? — "American Idol" and "The Sopranos." | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

Am I a geek if I'm excited to see the new "Dr. Who"?

Yes — and a retro geek to boot. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

I absolutely love "Grey's Anatomy" and if history is a guide, it's a sure bet that the show will be canceled (see "My So-Called Life" and "Once and Again"). What do you think of this show and is there any hint that it won't be back for another season?

Good grief no. It's doing a huge number on Sunday. It's now beating its "Desperate Housewives" lead-in. It's here for the long haul.

Is it true that this season's premiere of "The Sopranos" was the least watched since 2002? How can that be? I was counting down the days until it premiered.

Yes, it's true this season debut was low compared to previous seasons. But the show had been off the air for a long time - maybe once too often — and ABC has developed $two \ hits in the interim-"Desperate$ Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy." Plus, since "The Sopranos" was last on, viewers have become that much more accustomed to watching shows when they want to. The cume number on that episode might be more relevant now than it has been in the past. I am anxious to see what the cume is on its various plays across the week

I may get whacked for this, since I live in Jersey, but I just don't get all the hype about "The Sopranos." I find it grotesque, gothic and unfunny. I am supremely bored by all this hoopla over an over-the-hill show and am anxiously counting the days until a new "House" episode airs.

Now, there is a Jersey-based show I can get behind!

"The Sopranos" is pretty over. I blame the long hiatuses (hiatusi?).

During the "off season," do you take a break from the TV to recuperate or do you catch up on the things that you don't have time to watch during the season?

There is no "off" season any more. These jobs covering TV used to be pretty cushy, I'm told by some of the old-timers. You could really kick back in the summer months and drink gin and tonics with your feet up on your desk. But there's way too much going on in the industry in the summer now.



has hidden depths.
But his dance moves
— the worst."

How great was it watching Kevin sing "Part-Time Lover" on "Idol" this week? I loved his moves. Do you even think he knew what the song was about?

Yes, he knew. I think that Kevin has hidden depths. But his dance moves — the worst. Though Katherine McPhee's moves on stage aren't much better. Could she be any stiffer?

Does anyone really believe Katie Couric is a good choice to anchor the CBS Evening News? Still, any network that would cancel "Love Monkey" deserves any disaster that befalls it.

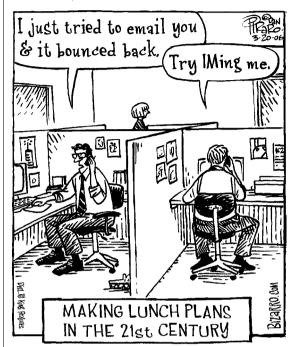
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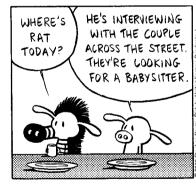
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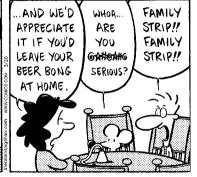




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THREE YEARS LATER, PART 2

"It's like ... a Grimms fairy tale where someone whitewashed out the bad guys - leaving [out] pieces of a complex morality tale ..."

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone will be watching you, but not because he/ she is checking up on you. Rather, you are about to unknowingly play a big part in important plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may need to jog your memory to recognize just how important certain episodes from your past are at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think twice before engaging in any activity that others might consider questionable or a waste of time

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be honest, and don't let anyone talk you into doing something today that you may regret tomorrow. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone close to you may catch you in a lie. In order to prevent such trouble, make it a point to tell the truth!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may try to answer questions in a vague or enigmatic manner, but the fact is that many know what you really think anyway!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may discover that someone close to you has been hiding something important for a long time. You must make amends, however: don't carry a grudge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be sensitive to other people's moods, and take care not to cross the line with someone who may overreact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take time to think things through carefully before committing to something that could prove impossible in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is not the time for negativity to overwhelm you. It may take some work, but you can find that sunshine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are always second chances in love; your choice is whether to venture those waters or play it safe and lonely on the shoreline. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't show your throat out in public today, especially if you've made enemies. It's only with those you trust that a weakness should be displayed.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Tonight

Mostly cloudy, cold

33°



Colder, snow at times

37° / 28°

Wednesday



Partly sunny, breezy

45° / 32°

Thursday

Partly sunny, breezy

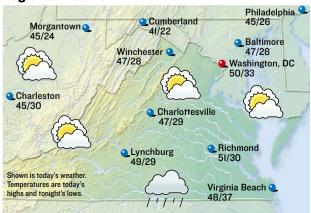
48°/34°

Friday

A rain or snow show

45°/34°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun Temperature

High	53°
Low	28°
Normal high	57°
Normal low	38°
Average humidity	30%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.03"
Normal month to date .	2.24"
/ear to date	5.74"
ast year to date	5.62"
Normal year to date	8.08"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 50. Wind northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, cold. Low 33. Wind northeast 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:12 a.m.
Sunset tonight	
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	8:46 a.m.





National Cities

Orlando

	Today	Tue
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo
Atlanta	50/44/t	62/3
Boston	40/26/s	44/28
Chicago	38/22/pc	36/22
Dallas	69/40/t	55/34
Denver	24/I2/sn	33/18
Honolulu	78/67/pc	81/69
Los Angeles	62/50/pc	60/48
Miami	85/70/s	88/68
New York City	11/28/6	VU/30

88/64/pc

54/40/s

World Cities

W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
/r	Amsterdam	42/34/c	46/34/p
рс	Athens	62/46/pc	67/54/p
/c	Berlin	38/28/c	37/22/s
/s	Buenos Aires	77/57/s	75/6I/pd
рс	Calgary	29/22/sf	30/20/p
рс	Dublin	43/39/c	43/36/0
/sh	Geneva	46/40/c	59/44/sl
рс	Moscow	26/I6/sn	22/II/sn
/c	Rome	58/48/c	59/54/sl
рс	Sydney	72/63/pc	72/63/p
/c	Tokyo	59/43/s	61/43/pc

LOOK People



Vegas prefers its celebrities immobile.

LIKENESSES

Tupac Lives On in Wax

TUPAC SHAKUR will join the ranks of celebrities sculpted in wax at Madame Tussauds in Las Vegas, the city where he was killed in a drive-by shooting nearly 10 years ago. The 55-pound figure will go on display April 5 at The Venetian hotel-casino, it was announced Thursday. The slain rap star will be depicted shirtless, sporting a bandanna. (AP)

BURST BUBBLES

Neverland, Nevermore

Here lies Neverland. The fantasy playland **MICHAEL JACKSON** created as a celebration of childhood is going dark. The pop star, now living



half a world away, dismissed many of the employees Thursday after agreeing to pay hundreds of thousands of dol-

lars in back wages to avoid a lawsuit by state labor officials. His spokeswoman characterized the moves as those of someone who will be away for an extended period, not someone abandoning a home for good. (AP)



NON-EVENTS

Wedded Miss

The main thing missing from the much-rumored wedding this weekend between BRAD PITT and ANGELINA JOLIE was the happy couple. Officials, paparazzi and tourists swarmed in breathless anticipation for the allegedly planned nuptials, which were possibly expected to potentially happen Saturday at the Cernobbio, Italy, retreat owned by George Clooney, a friend of the couple (pictured above in January). Even the town's mayor was put on standby for possible official functions Saturday night. Then, bubkes. By Saturday evening, the town's frustrated spokesman said he and the mayor were "at the end of our rope" and heading home. (EXPRESS)

LITIGATION

Notorious B.I.G. Album To Be Taken From Shelves

A judge halted sales of NOTORIOUS

B.I.G.'S breakthrough
1994 album "Ready to
Die" after a jury decided the title song used part of an Ohio Players tune without permission. The jury Friday awarded \$4.2 million in punitive and direct damages to the two

B.I.G., or Christopher Wallace, was killed in 1997.

to Ohio Players recordings. The sales ban imposed by U.S. District Judge Todd Campbell affects

the album and the title song in any form, including Internet downloads. It was unclear when or how the ban would take effect. A search of Amazon.com Sunday showed the album was still for sale. (AP)

OBVIOUS HEADLINES

Separate Lives for Collinses

music companies that own rights

British rock star **PHIL COLLINS** and his Swiss-bornwife, Orianne, announced in a joint statement last week that they have separated. The couple, married in 1999, have two sons, Nicholas, 4, and Matthew, 1. "They have been living separately since the begin-



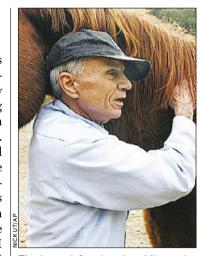
ning of the year and both cite the fact that they have been growing apart for some time now and this has put too much

pressure on their relationship," the statement said. (AP)

COMEBACKS

He's Ready to Knock 'Em Dead on Stage and Screen

A year after ROBERT BLAKE was acquitted in criminal court of killing his wife, the former tough guy actor spends his days exercising Arabian horses at a friend's ranch and planning his acting comeback. In November, a civil court jury found Blake liable for the death of his wife and ordered him to pay her family \$30 million. Blake, 72, now says he's ready to move on. "I've woken up some nights and wanted to drive till the car goes off a cliff," he said. "I want to go act. I want to go teach. I want to dance." (AP)



This horse definitely isn't cuddling with Blake just because it's afraid to get shot.

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Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

1413 England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

1815 Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris, beginning his "100 Days" rule.

1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was published.

1956 Union workers enueu a 156-day strike at Westing-■ Union workers ended a house Electric Corp.

1976 Kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

1985 Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

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Degree of Difficulty: EASY

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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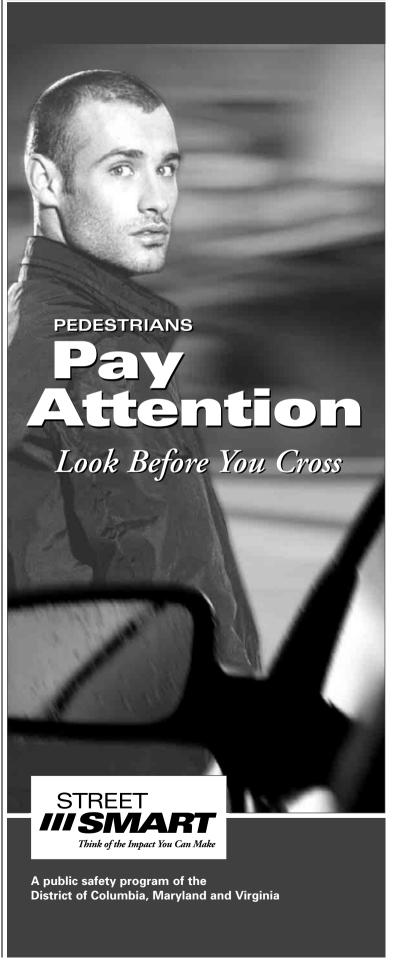
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Lisner Auditorium, 730-21st St. N.W. Gen. Admission \$25, Resident Members \$15

Sponsored by the Scottish Book Trust as part of Tartan Week, April 2-9.



Dada: The Revolt of Art



In Conjunction with the National Gallery of Art Exhibition Dada Thurs., April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Join National Gallery of Art curator Leah Dickerman for an in-depth discussion of one of the most influential avant-garde movements in history.

Gen. Admission \$25, Resident Members \$15 Note: Admission to the National Gallery of Art

and to its exhibitions, tours, and other educational programs is free to the public. Course fees are based on Smithsonian program

The Lost City of the Pyramid **Builders**

In Collaboration with the Ancient Egypt **Research Associates** Sat., April 8, 9:30 a.m.



In this all-day seminar, immerse yourself in the fascinating work of Egyptologist Mark Lehner and his team of specialists as they answer the age-old question of who built the pyramids.

Gen. Admission \$131, Resident Members \$85



Top Embassy Chef at the Residence of the Ambassador of the Dominican **Republic**

Thurs., April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Relish the unique island cuisine of the Dominican Republic through demonstrations by executive chef Altagracia Candelario. Learn about collectible cigars and fine rums. Tasting buffet and recipes included.

Gen. Admission \$85, Resident Members \$65

Positive Psychology, Self-Esteem, and Happiness Sat., April 22, 10 a.m.

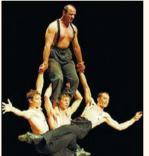
Explore the world of psychology, from self-esteem to self-awareness, with clinical psychologist Karen Shanor. Learn techniques to apply to your own life

Gen. Admission \$121, Resident Members \$75



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Celebrating Cultural Diversity in the French-Speaking World



Acrostiches Wed., March 22, 7:30 p.m.

Four award-winning acrobats from Toulouse, France, challenge gravity in a fresh, unexpected kind of circus. Gen. Admission \$25, Resident Members \$20

Film: Le Grand Voyage Tues., March 28, 7 p.m.

(France/Morocco, 2004, 106 min., dir. Ismael Ferroukhi) In this remarkable directorial debut by Moroccan-born Ferroukhi, a young man finds himself obligated to drive his father from France to Mecca for hajj. The long pilgrimage is life-changing for both father and son.

Gen. Admission \$13, Resident Members \$10

The Emerging Writer and the Small Press

Cosponsored with Mid-List Press and Mid-American Review



Sat., March 25, 10 a.m.

Do you dream of getting published? Author Mary L. Tabor, Mid-American Review editor Michael Czniejewski, and Mid-List Press publisher and director Lane Stiles, and Marianne Nora give practical information on the writer's journey, from starting out to getting published.

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Blowin' in the Wind Sat., March 25, 10 a.m.

Raindate Sun., March 26 Celebrate the festival's 40th anniversary, by reminiscing about the

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